

I pay for an unlisted telephone number so that I do not have to deal with unsolicited phone calls. Telemarketers are unwanted telephone calls, and the main reason why most of us had unlisted service. Somewhere along the way that protection was sold out and we, that had unlisted numbers were paying to be violated by the very people we wanted to be protected from.

I signed up for the "Do Not Call Program" because the service I pay for was being violated by businesses that if I cared to do business with, I would contact them on my own.

I wish the "Do Not Call Program" had been in effect while I was going through an intense 2-year chemotherapy program and my rest was being disturbed, morning, noon and night by unwanted calls from solicitors.

It is the right of the people, not businesses, to determine who, what, when, where, and how they will be contacted, the person that pays the phone bill!

If it is so important that these superfluous messages reach the public, do it through the public mails, not our private telephones. A telephone is a necessity, not a luxury and telemarketing has made it source of torture.

"The Do Not Call Program" has brought relief that I am not willing to part from.